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ROME PLS PASS AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN

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SUBJ: VREELAND PORT VISIT - PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING VREELAND VISIT
CALLED ON SOMALI NAVY COMMANDER COLONEL MOHAMED OMAR OSMAN
AUGUST 10. THE SOMALI NAVY HAD PREPARED AND DRAFTED THE
FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROGRAM, THEY MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE
PROGRAM COULD BE MODIFIED SHOULD WE SO DESIRE. THE SOMALI
PROGRAM APPEARS APPROPRIATE TO THE EMBASSY:

SATURDAY, 26 AUGUST

0800-1000: ENTRY INTO NEW PORT FACILITY AND DOCKING
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1030-1100: CALL BY COMMANDING OFFICER VREELAND ON COMMANDER
OF NAVY AT HIS OFFICE IN OLD PORT FACILITY.

1115-1145: CALL BY COMMANDING OFFICER ON MAYOR OF
MOGADISCIO.

2000-2200: DINNER HOSTED BY COMMANDER OF SOMALI NAVY FOR OFFICERS OF VREELAND AT SOMALI OFFICERS' MESS OR OTHER PLACE OF SOMALIS' CHOOSING.

2200 - CURFEW FOR LIBERTY PARTY OF VREELAND. OFFICERS EXEMPTED FROM CURFEW.

SUNDAY, 27 AUGUST

0800-1200: VISIT TO AFGOI (AGRICULTURAL TOWN OUTSIDE MOGADISCIO) - INCLUDING TOUR OF SOMALI AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN AFGOI. SOMALIS WILL PROVIDE BUSES FOR 80-100 INDIVIDUALS.

0900-0930: CALL BY COMMANDING OFFICER VREELAND ON MAYOR OF AFGOI.

1200: RETURN TO MOGADISCIO

1730: CALL BY COMMANDER OF NAVY ON COMMANDING OFFICER VREELAND ON-BOARD SHIP.

1800-2000: DINNER HOSTED BY VREELAND FOR SOMALI NAVY OFFICERS.

2030: - BASKETBALL GAME BETWEEN VREELAND TEAM
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AND SOMALI ARMED FORCES BASKETBALL TEAM AT MILITARY STADIUM.

MONDAY, 28 AUGUST

DEPARTURE OF VREELAND

2. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, EMBASSY TENTATIVELY PLANS LUNCH AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FOR OFFICERS OF VREELAND. GUEST LIST FOR THIS FUNCTION WILL BE DETERMINED FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN'S RETURN TO POST.

3. IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE EMBASSY TO PUT THE SCHEDULE IN FINAL FORM QUICKLY, REQUEST VREELAND'S REACTION TO THE ABOVE SCHEDULE AND ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. HOW MANY OFFICERS WILL ACCOMPANY COMMANDING OFFICER ON CALLS ON COMMANDER OF NAVY AND MAYOR OF MOGADISCIO AUGUST 26. (EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST LIMITING GROUP TO CAPTAIN AND THREE OFFICERS UNLESS US NAVY PROTOCOL SUGGESTS OTHERWISE). EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION.

GROUP WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN AND ONE OTHER EMBASSY OFFICER.

B. ASSUMING ON-BOARD DINNER ACCEPTABLE TO VREELAND, HOW MANY GUESTS (US EMBASSY AND SOMALI NAVY) CAN VREELAND ACCOMMODATE FOR DINNER ON 27 AUGUST? EMBASSY WILL COORDINATE WITH SOMALI NAVY TO FIRM UP GUEST LIST WITHIN LIMITS OF VREELAND'S CAPACITY.

4. SOMALIS REQUEST THAT VREELAND LIBERTY PARTY WEAR UNIFORMS IN TOWN, AND BE BACK ON BOARD SHIP BY 2200. OFFICERS ARE EXAMPT FROM CURFEW AND MAY WEAR UNIFORMS OR CIVILIAN CLOTHES AT THEIR OPTION WHEN VISITNG THE TOWN.

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5. ALTHOUGH THE NEW PORT FACILITY IS NOT FAR FROM THE CENTER OF TOWN, TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE PORT CAN BE A PROBLEM. THE EMBASSY PLANS TO RENT SHUTTLE BUSES TO PERMIT LIBERTY PARTY TO USE THE EMBASSY RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND AND SWIMMING POOL IN THE AREA OF KILOMETER SEVEN (K-7) (ABOUT TWO MILES FROM PORT) AND INTO TOWN TO PERMIT SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING. TO PERMIT US TO MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER LIBERTY PARTY WILL BE GIVEN LIBERTY AT SAME TIME OR IN SHIFTS.

6. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO BRINGING BEER ASHORE (BUT ONLY FOR CONSUMPTION ON K-7 COMPOUND), BUT WOULD NEED TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FROM SOMALI AUTHORITIES. PLEASE ADVISE RE THIS POINT.

7. EMBASSY MARINE GUARD DETACHMENT WILL ACT AS INFORMAL HOSTS FOR LIBERTY PARTY AT K-7 COMPOUND, ON BOTH 26 AND 27 AUGUST AND WILL BE PREPARED TO CHALLENGE VREELAND TO VOLLEYBALL MATCH. FACILITIES ALSO EXIST FOR BARBECUE AT K-7 COMPOUND. HOWEVER, CONSUMABLES ARE MAJOR PROBLEM IN MOGADISCIO, AND PRIVATE STOCKS OF CONSUMABLES ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY. WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ORGANIZE A BARBECUE IF VREELAND CAN PROVIDE HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS, ROLLS AND POTATOES. PLEASE ADVISE ON THIS POINT.

8. SEPARATE TELEGRAMS FOLLOW ON OTHER ASPECTS OF VISIT.

9. PLS ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE.
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